GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Misappropriation of funds in Griddaluru Gram Panchayat, Sydapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali Division, Guntur District - Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DVELOPMENT (VIG-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 505 **Dated: 24.06.2022**

Read the Following:-

1. Letter.No.PRR02-16021(37)/52/2018-VIG-SEC-COMMR PRRD, dated: 11.10.2021 from the CPR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
2. Letter Rc.No.460213/CPR&RD/VIG/2016, dated: 23.06.2022 from the CPR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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ORDER :-

1. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Article of Charges are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the order/ directions issued in pursuance of said rules, the Inquiry authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available. Further action will be processed based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this orders shall be acknowledged along with Annexure – I, II, III & IV forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual concerned (through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District)

The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli,
Guntur District.
(2 Copies) (With a request to serve the order on the Charged Officer and furnish acknowledgement with dated signature for record).

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. V. M. LAKSHMANARAO, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, GUDUR, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, TENALI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

Article No. 1:

That the said Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District, while working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District has conducted inquiry after 1 ½ years later, after receipt of the directions from the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore on the representation dated 30.10.2013 filed by Sri T. Audinarayana Reddy and seven (7) Ward Members, Griddalur Gram Panchayat of Sydapuram Mandal, which given scope for continuation of Misappropriation in the said Gram Panchayat and thereby failed to prevent the misappropriation of amounts in Griddalur Gram Panchayat of Sydapuram Mandal. Further, during the period from 30.10.2013 to 20.07.2015 (i.e., the date of instructions from the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore to the date of Inquiry), the Sarpanch has drawn an amount of Rs.62,79,132/- in which an amount of Rs.27,25,000/- was drawn without record and misappropriated.

Thus, by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, has not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct which is unbecoming on part of a Govt. Servant, in contravention of Rule–3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.V.M. LAKSHMANARAO, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, GUDUR, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, TENALI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

Sri T. Adinarayana Reddy and seven (7) Ward members of Griddaluru Gram Panchayat, Sydapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District vide Dt. 30.10.2013, have made allegations against the Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Griddaluru and the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Sydapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.

On receipt of the said representation, the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore, vide Memo Dt. 29.11.2013, has requested the Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, to conduct Inquiry and submit report on the allegations.

But Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District, while working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District has not conducted the inquiry immediately.

After one and half of a year, Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District and presently working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Tenali, Guntur District, while working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District has submitted report vide Roc.No.367/2013-A, Dt. 20.07.2015, which is clearly after One year and Seven (7) Months from the receipt of directions from the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore District. Further, the Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur has not furnished the details of the responsible Panchayat Secretaries. After reminder Dt. 18.08.2015, by the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore, only Sri V.V.M. Lakshman Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur, SPSR Nellore District has submitted that details of the responsible Panchayat Secretaries.

As per the report of the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore vide Roc. No. 1781/2013-A2, Dt. 13.05.2022, the details of total amount drawn, the amount for which the record was shown and the amount remitted back by the Sarpanch are as follows;

Amount drawn	Amounts for Records shown	Amount remitted back to Gram Panchayat through challans
69,66,436/-	42,13,336/-	27,53,100/-

Remittance details by the Sarpanch :

Challan No. and Date	Amount
1753/04.08.2015	10,00,000.00
1791/06.08.2015	9,75,000.00
1841/12.08.2015	4,00,000.00
1882/14.08.2015	3,50,000.00
/19.12.2015	28,100.00
Total	27,53,100.00

Hence as per the above, it is clear that the Sarpanch remitted the amounts, only after initiating action by the District Panchayat Officer against her. She only remitted the amount while submitting her explanation dated 21.08.2015 and 30.12.2015, after initiating action by District Panchayat Officer

In view of the above facts, it is clear that the Sri V.V.M. Lakshamana Rao, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer of Gudur has failed in submission of report to the higher authorities on the allegations of misuse of funds by the Sarpanch, Giddalaur Gram Panchayat under his jurisdiction in time and submitted report after a lapse of 19 months only.

Hence the charge.

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. V.M. LAKSHMANARAO, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, GUDUR, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, TENALI, GUNTUR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Representation Dt. 30.10.2013 of Sri T. Adinarayana Reddy and seven (7) Ward members of Griddaluru Gram Panchayat, Sydapuram Mandal, Prakasam District.
2. Letter Roc. No. 1781/2013-A4, Dt. 28.11.2013 of the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore District.
3. Letter Roc. No. 1781/2013-A4, Dt. 10.07.2015 of the District Panchayat Officer, SPSR Nellore District.
4. Report vide Roc. No. 367/2013-A, Dt. 20.07.2015 of the Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudur.
5. Report vide Roc. No. 1781/2013-A2, Dt. 13.05.2022 of the District Panchayat Officer, addressed to the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. V.M. LAKSHMANARAO, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, GUDUR, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, TENALI, GUNTUR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Sri T. Audinarayana Reddy and seven (7) Ward members of Griddaluru Gram Panchayat, Sydapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.

2. The District Panchayat officer, SPSR Nellore.

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